

Amendments to Specification

Page 6, rewrite the paragraph starting at line 6, to read as follows:

Referring to Fig. 1, the control block of the video camera of the present embodiment includes a tape end detector 1, a cassette detecting portion 2, a controlling portion 3, a battery controlling portion 4, a cassette insertion preventing mechanism 5, a cassette eject permitting ~~preventing~~ mechanism 6, and a display portion 7.

Page 6, rewrite the paragraph starting at line 26, to read as follows:

Controlling portion 3 is in a circuit portion mounted on main substrate 24 for controlling the present invention as will later be described. Battery controlling portion 4 controls current supply to various components under instructions of controlling portion 3. Cassette eject ~~permitting preventing~~ mechanism 6 releases a lever which locks the eject mechanism of cassette ejecting cover 31.

Page 8, rewrite the paragraph starting at line 4, to read as follows:

When recording is started, a current is supplied from battery 27 to CCD 22 or video signal processing circuit 23. The video information on the object is transmitted sequentially to lens portion 21, CCD 22, video signal processing circuit 23, and main substrate 24. Then, the video information is recorded onto magnetic tape 9 in cassette 26 through a rotating drum 8 of mechanical body 25. In this recording state, cassette eject ~~preventing mechanism 6, mechanism~~

5, which will later be described, is in operation to prevent cassette cover 31 from being opened from outside. Note that a known technique can be applied to these prescribed signal processes or to the operation of mechanical body 25, and therefore detailed description thereof will not be given here.

Page 8, rewrite the paragraph starting at line 20, to read as follows:

When mechanical body 25 moves to a position for unloading, where ejection of cassette 26 is possible, display portion 7 is used to display instructions to take out cassette 26 and return the video camera to the user. At the same time, cassette insertion preventing mechanism 5 ~~mechanism 6~~ is moved to prevent re-insertion of cassette 26. Thereafter, current supply to any circuits that do not need current anymore, such as CCD 26 and video signal processing circuit 23, is stopped by battery controlling portion 4.

Page 11, rewrite the paragraph starting at line 6, to read as follows:

When the cassette is ejected as described above, re-insertion of the cassette is prevented by cassette insertion preventing mechanism 5 ~~mechanism 6~~. Subsequently, the user returns the video camera through a store or the like (5), and a given amount of refund is paid by the manufacturer (6). The manufacturer inspects and cleans the returned video camera and then fills a cassette, charges the battery and so on for resale of the video camera as a product.